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FM AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUSCAT 943

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, MU

SUBJECT: OMANI STRIKEMASTER LOST IN WESTERN DHOFAR, POSSIBLY
FROM ENEMY SAM ACTION

1. WORD SPREAD AROUND MUSCAT EVENING AUGUST 19 OF SHOOTING
DOWN IN DHOFAR THAT MORNING OF OMANI AIR FORCE STRIKEMASTER
OVER MOUNTAINS OF WESTERN DHOFAR. EXPATRIATE PILOT APPARENTLY
BAILED OUT SAFELY.

2. EYEWITNESSES TO LATE MORNING SCRAMBLING FROM SALALAH AIR-
FIELD OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT GOING TO SCENE OF THE CRASH WERE
FNCB OF NEW YORK VICE CHAIRMAN COSTANZO AND THREE FNCB
COLLEAGUES. THEIR PRIVATE PLANE ON LANDING IN SALALAH FOR
SCHEDULED CALL ON SULTAN QABOOS (IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL
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OPENING FNCB BRANCH IN MUSCAT THAT AFTERNOON) NARROWLY

ESCAPED COLLISION WITH ONE SUCH AIRCRAFT. FNCB AIR CREW WAS TOLD STRIKEMASTER CRASH SCENE WAS ABOUT TEN MILES WEST OF SALALAH AND THAT "PROBABLE" CAUSE WAS SOVIET-MADE SA-7 MISSILE. OTHER REPORTS PLACE CRASH SITE FURTHER WEST NEAR PDRY BORDER.

3. COMMENT: SHOULD PRESENT SAF INVESTIGATION SHOW THAT YESTERDAY'S STRIKEMASTER LOSS INDEED CAUSED BY ENEMY-HELD SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE, GEN. PERKINS' FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT REBELS OR THEIR PDRY SUPPORTERS POSSESS PORTABLE SAMS WITHIN DHOFAR WOULD BE CONFIRMED. WE WOULD THEN EXPECT URGENT SAF STEPS TO INSTALL SUITABLE DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT ON ITS FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT (IF POSSIBLE). AS WASHINGTON AWARE, THEY WILL BE FITTING INFRA-RED DEFLECTOR KITS ONTO HELICOPTER FLEET UPON ARRIVAL THESE KITS OVER NEXT THREE WEEKS FROM BELL/FORT WORTH. TACTICS FOR AUTUMN MILITARY MOVMENTS IN WESTERN DHOFAR DOUBTLESS WILL ALSO BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF THIS INCIDENT.
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